

SITUATION REPORT NO. 14
INCIDENT NO. 96-37
DATE: May 1, 1996 **TIME: 10:00 a.m.**

TO: Governor Edward T. Schafer
State Capitol
Bismarck, ND 58504

1. NATURE OF DISASTER: Spring Flood. (Separate situation reports are being issued regarding Devils Lake, incident #96-01.)
2. DEATH AND INJURIES: No change from previous reports.
3. DAMAGE: Initial agricultural reports from Barnes County state that approximately 5,000 acres of agricultural land have been affected by flooding.

The Sheyenne River at the city of Kindred has risen to 20.59 feet; it is forecast to crest at 21.0-21.5 feet on May 1-2. Flood stage is 16 feet.

The Red River at Pembina crested on April 29 at 51.45 feet.

Initial identification reports from the American Red Cross indicate that 186 homes, in Grand Forks, Walsh, and Pembina Counties have received flood damage.

High river levels at the confluence of the Souris and Des Lacs Rivers caused septic system and water well problems for five Ward County homeowners at Burlington. Also, a private golf course at Burlington was partially inundated by flood waters.

4. RESOURCES COMMITTED:

LOCAL: No change from previous reports.

STATE: No change from previous reports.

FEDERAL: No change from previous reports.

5. VOLUNTEER ACTIONS: The Salvation Army continues to operate canteens in Pembina and Drayton.

The Red Cross has assisted with the pumping of flooded sanitary sewers and testing water wells for contamination for five Ward County homeowners near Burlington.

6. MAJOR ACTIONS: North Dakota Emergency Management has two staff members in the flooded areas to support local emergency management teams.

In the city of Pembina, a dike protecting a lift station was sandbagged to control seepage.

All temporary dikes to protect the city of Kindred from crests expected May 1 and 2 are in place.

The Cavalier County Commission issued an emergency declaration on April 30.

I-29 from Manvel to the Grafton has now been reopened.

7. ASSISTANCE NEEDED: No change from previous reports.
8. OUTSIDE HELP ON SCENE: No change from previous reports.
9. OTHER INFORMATION: State and local officials are conducting surveys to identify damages. The survey information will be used to determine recovery assistance requirements.

Signed _____
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State Director